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1. ON MARCH 15, I CALLED ON VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STANISLAW TREPCZYNSKI AND PRESENTED THE POINTS I WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE IN REF. THE VICE MINISTER AGREED THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT IF IT IS NOT REACHED AT THE NEW YORK SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME TALK OF HOLDING A SECOND SESSION DURING 1976 IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED AT NEW YORK, AND HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.

2. THE VICE MINISTER SAID THAT POLAND'S MAIN CONCERN AT THE CONFERENCE WAS TO PRESERVE ITS FISHING RIGHTS. THE RIGHTS OF ALL DISTANT-WATER FISHING STATES TO FISH

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WITHIN THE ECONOMIC ZONES OF OTHER STATES UNDER THE TERMS

OF BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE AFFIRMED IN THE FINAL LOS DOCUMENT, HE SAID.

3. HE NOTED THAT POLAND OPPOSES COASTAL-STATE JURISDICTION OVER POLLUTION ISSUES BECAUSE SUCH AUTHORITY COULD BE USED TO RESTRICT SHIPPING. HOWEVER, POLAND IS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE COASTAL-STATE RIGHTS TO THE RESOURCES OF THE ENTIRE SHELF EVEN IF THE SHELF EXTENDS BEYOND 200 MILES. POLAND WILL INSIST THAT ANY AGREEMENT ON THE RESOURCES OF THE DEEP-SEABED CONTAIN PROVISIONS THAT ALLOW STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THESE RESOURCES. HE SAID ALSO THAT POLAND WILL SUPPORT COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.

4. FINALLY, THE VICE MINISTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS A STARTING POINT FOR THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE SESSION. IF IT IS REJECTED, THE NEGOTIATIONS MAY GO ON INDEFINITELY WITHOUT RESULT, HE SAID.
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